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STANLEY W. AKERS

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2022

A Concurrent Resolution on the death of the Honorable Stanley W. Akers.

The Honorable Stanley W. Akers, Corporation Commissioner and former Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives, passed away at the age of fifty-six on July 29, 1979 at St. Luke's Hospital in Phoenix.

Mr. Stanley Akers was born in Bayfield, Colorado to Clyde and Norma Akers and came to Arizona in 1935. He attended Kenilworth Grade School, Phoenix Union High School and Phoenix College. Mr. Akers joined the military service in 1942 as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Forces. He served in the Air Transport Command and was released as a first lieutenant in 1945.

Stan Akers was elected to the Arizona Corporation Commission in November, 1978 and was serving as Corporation Commissioner at the time of his death.

Prior to his election to the Corporation Commission, Mr. Akers was a member of the Arizona House of Representatives from 1967 through 1978 serving in the 28th Legislature through the 33rd Legislature. A Republican, Stan was selected by his colleagues to serve two consecutive terms as Speaker of the House of Representatives, the first time that a Republican representative had been so honored. He served on numerous legislative committees including Education (as Chairman), Ways and Means (as Chairman), Administration, Agriculture, Appropriations, Counties, Economic Affairs, Joint Legislative Budget Committee, Legislative Council, Natural Resources and Energy, and Rules.

An avid and joyful participant in the political process, Stan never lost an election and was affectionately known as the "Iron Duke".

Stan was a successful farmer, rancher and businessman who was serving as president of the F. H. Hogue Produce Co. at the time of his death. In addition he was an active participant in various organizations including the Beatitudes Board of Commissions for the Elderly, the Jaycees Welfare Foundation, the Western Growers Association, the Central Arizona Growers Association, the United Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Association and was a 32nd-Degree Mason.

An influential public official who never took himself too seriously, Stan Akers was an open, direct and intense person known for his wit, intelligence and perception. Aptly described as one who put common sense before partisan politics, valued results more than rhetoric and recognized good ideas whatever their source, Stan won the respect of all of his colleagues in office. His candor and forcefulness coupled with the ability to get the job done made him an invaluable asset to the State of Arizona.

Stanley W. Akers made many important contributions to this State and will be warmly remembered by his many friends for his dedication to service for the people of this state.

Therefore

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the Legislature of the State of Arizona sincerely regret the passing of the Honorable Stanley W. Akers and do, therefore, extend their

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heartfelt sympathies and condolences to his wife Sharon, his children, and other members of his family.

Unanimously Adopted by the House, March 25, 1980.

Unanimously Adopted by the Senate, March 25, 1980.

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SISTER STATE RELATIONSHIP—ARIZONA AND DISTRICT OF KAOHSIUNG, REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2023

A Concurrent Resolution proposing the establishment of a sister state relationship between the District of Kaohsiung, Republic of China, and this state.

Whereas, the Republic of China has overcome great adversity and has built a successful, prosperous and free economy emulating our country; and

Whereas, the Republic of China has been and continues to be one of the most faithful allies of the United States; and

Whereas, the people of the District of Kaohsiung have been the closest friends of the people of Arizona for many years; and

Whereas, strong ties now exist between the citizens of the District of Kaohsiung and the citizens of the State of Arizona; and

Whereas, the people to people program, initiated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 and endorsed by President John F. Kennedy in 1961, was designed to bring the people of the world closer together in the interests of peace; and

Whereas, a sister state relationship between Kaohsiung and Arizona is in the best interests of a cooperative relationship between the two states involved.

Therefore

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring:

1. That the Legislature, on behalf of the people of Arizona, extends to the people of Kaohsiung, through the Legislature of Kaohsiung, an invitation to join with Arizona as a sister state and as such to conduct such mutually beneficial social, economic, educational and cultural programs as to bring our citizens closer together and strengthen international understanding and goodwill.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona is requested to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Governor of this state and to each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

3. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona is requested to transmit copies of this Resolution to Yu-Yun Wang, District Mayor of Kaohsiung, District Government of Kaohsiung, Republic of China, Alexander Shin-Hsiung Cheng, Commissioner, Bureau of Social Affairs, District Government of Kaohsiung, Republic of China, Premier Yun-Suan Sun, Executive Yuan, and George Yeh, Arizona coordinator for the Republic of China.

Unanimously Adopted by the House, March 27, 1980.

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